

BEYOND EXILE // THE GREAT DIVORCE

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LAST WEEK

1. We talked about and prepared to begin our church-wide fast. What is the breakthrough or focus that you want to see and/or have seen?

INTRO

2. What is something that you've done that you look back and think, "What was I thinking?" (Frosted tips, bellbottoms, puka shell necklaces, etc.)

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

3. In your own words, how would you define "sin"?
4. **OWN IT:** When we make a mistake, we can justify almost anything. Why is it so much easier to justify things rather than own them? How can we humble ourselves before God when owning our sin? **(See 2 Chronicles 7:14)**
5. **GRIEVE IT:** Guilt doesn't come from the Spirit, conviction does. Is there a healthy way to grieve our sin without beating ourselves up? What would that look like for you? **(See James 4:7)**
6. **CLEANSE IT:** Our sin doesn't only affect us, but the people around us as well. Who is someone that you can reach out to this week to seek forgiveness from? **(See James 5:16)**
7. **LEAVE IT:** How can we help each other from falling into the traps we have fallen into in the past?
8. **Romans 8:1-2 (MSG):** "With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death."

Talk about the tension between grace and conviction. How do we truly leave that sin behind so we can walk forward into what Jesus has for us?

HOW CAN I OBEY?

9. Take time this week to hold each other accountable. Look for ways to encourage each other...and then do it! Spend time praying for each other, specifically around the area of sin.

